

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 31 to 38, 41, 43, 44 and 47 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 19, 20, 21, 22, 26 to 29, 40 and 46 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

19. (Currently Amended) A data communication control apparatus for controlling distribution of data communication among a plurality of connected communication terminals including dedicated terminals via a first network and general-purpose terminals via a second network different from the first network, comprising:

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connecting means for connecting a general-purpose terminal;
an image generating device adapted to generate first means for generating image data for the dedicated terminals, and second image data for that conforms to the general-purpose terminals terminal;

image distributing means for distributing the image data, which has been generated by said image generating means, to the general-purpose terminal via said connecting means;

a voice recognition device adapted to recognize means for recognizing voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from one of the dedicated communication terminals and to generate generating text data based upon the recognized voice data; and

a control device adapted to control a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals; and

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a data distributing device adapted to distribute means for distributing the text data, generated from the voice data by the voice recognition device means, to the general-purpose terminal with the second image data, and to distribute the voice data to the dedicated terminals with the first image data associated with the voice data, distributed by said image distributing means.

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20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said data distributing device means distributes the text data in real-time.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said data distributing device means further distributes text data, which has been entered from the general-purpose terminal, to the dedicated communication terminals.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said voice recognition device means generates text-chat data.

23. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said general-purpose terminal has a data conferencing function based upon text-chat data.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the dedicated communication terminals have a data conferencing function based upon text-chat data.

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25. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the text-chat data is in compliance with ITU-T Recommendation T.120.

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26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein ~~said connecting means connects the general-purpose terminal~~ is connected via by the Internet Protocol.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein ~~said image generating device means generates HTML-format hypertext data for the general-purpose terminals, including the second image data, based upon image data that has entered from the communication terminals.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein ~~said image generating device includes distributing means~~ is an HTTP server.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the dedicated said communication terminals are dedicated videoconferencing terminals in compliance with any of ITU-T Recommendations H.320, H.323 and H.324.

30. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the data communication control apparatus is in compliance with ITU-T Recommendations H.231 and H.243.

31. to 38. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A control method in a data communication control apparatus for controlling distribution of data communication between a plurality of connected communication terminals including dedicated terminals via a first network and general-purpose terminals via a second network different from the first network terminal and general-purpose terminal, comprising:

an image generating step of generating first image data for the dedicated terminals, and second image data for the general-purpose terminals that conforms to the general-purpose terminal;

an image distributing step of distributing the image data, which has been generated at said image generating step, to the general-purpose terminal;

a voice recognition step of recognizing voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from one of the dedicated terminals communication terminal and generating text data based upon the recognized voice data; and

a control step of controlling a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals; and

a data distributing step of distributing the text data, generated from the voice data in by the said voice recognition step, to the general-purpose terminal with the second image data, and distributing the voice data to the dedicated terminals with the first image data associated with the voice data, distributed by said image distributing step.

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46. (Currently Amended) A recording medium on which has been recorded program code of a control method in a data communication control apparatus for controlling distribution of data communication among a plurality of connected communication terminals including dedicated terminals via a first network and general-purpose terminals via a second network different from the first network between a connected communication terminal and general-purpose terminal, said program code comprising:

code of an image generating step of generating first image data for the dedicated terminals, and second image data for the general-purpose terminals that conforms to the general-purpose terminal;

code of an image distributing step of distributing the image data, which has been generated at said image generating step, to the general-purpose terminal;

code of a voice recognition step of recognizing voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from one of the dedicated terminals communication terminal and generating text data based upon the recognized voice data;
and

code of a control step of controlling a way of distributing data

corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals; and

code of a data distributing step of distributing the text data, generated from the voice data in the by said voice recognition step, to the general-purpose terminal with the second image data, and distributing the voice data to the dedicated terminals with the first image data in real-time, with image data, associated with the voice data, distributed by said image distributing step.

47. (Canceled)